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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR PENDING APPLICATION [37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) / MPEP § 708.2, II]

Dear Sir:

This is a petition to advance the examination and processing of the above-identified patent application. This petition is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.2, II.

Applicant has become aware that there are products actually on the market and methods currently in use by others that infringe one or more of the claims currently pending in the present case. The inventor of the present invention has obtained documentation describing products and methods that, after a rigid comparison with the pending claims, unquestionably infringe one or more of the pending claims. In addition, the applicant has caused to be made a

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careful and thorough search of the prior art in this case and / or has a thorough working knowledge of the prior art in this case. Applicant encloses herewith Form PTO-1449 listing references located by a search of the prior art. Copies of the references are enclosed. Advanced examination and processing of this patent application is respectfully requested.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that examination of the present application be advanced to the fullest extent possible.

The petition fee of \$130 is included herewith. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the processing of this petition, the Examiner is invited to contact Libby N. Ho at (303) 740-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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